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58-M Control: 11859 Action Rec'd: DEC 14, 1961 EUR 6:42 PM FROM: LONDON Info Secretary of State TO: SS 2372, DECEMBER 19, 7 FM NO: SR G SP L PRIORITY SBACTION DEPARTMENT 2372, INFORMATION MOSCOW PRIORITY 99, BONN SO DAC 148. PARIS 4Ø6 PX IOP LIMITED DISTRIBUTION INR HENDERSON (NORTHERN DEPT, FONOFF) STATES THAT PRIMIN HAS RMR RECEIVED LONG MESSAGE FROM KHRUSHCHEV DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO SUBJECT OF BERLIN. MESSAGE CONSTITUTES REITERATION SOVIET POSITION ON BERLIN AND INTRODUCES NO REPEAT NO NEW ELEMENTS. FONOFF BELIEVES PURPOSE OF MESSAGE TO PUT SOVIET POSITION ON RECORD ANEW BEFORE BERMUDA CONFERENCE AND ALSO TO CONVEY IDEA SOVIET UNION WISHES REAL NEGOTIATIONS AND NOT INTERESTED IN DELAYING TACTICS ON PART OF WEST. HENDERSON HAS ASKED FOREGOING INFORMATION BE HANDLED DISCREETLY SINCE PRIMIN WILL RAISE MATTER HIMSELF AT BERMUDA CONFERENCE. IN CIRSUMSTANCES WE WILL NOT PRESS FOR FURTHER INFO.

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Note: Mr Sweeney(BNA) and SO notified 12-19-61, CWO-M.

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